

**\*\*\*Temporary Detail Outreach\*\*\***



**USDA FOREST SERVICE  
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R-4  
Boise National Forest, Emmett Ranger District  
Garden Valley Work Center  
Garden Valley, ID**

**All Boise NF employees that are interested and qualified MUST submit their responses including a resume' with a IQCS master record By 08/05/2014 to be eligible**

**Job Title:** Supervisory Forestry Technician, Squad Leader (Helitack )

**Series/Grade:** GS-0462-06/07

**Duty Station:** Garden Valley, ID

This is a forest wide outreach only and current/qualified Boise National Forest employees need to respond to this detail outreach by including a resume' with a current 2014 IQCS master record. Responses can be emailed or physically mailed as long as they are received by the response deadline.

**Response deadline:** **August 05, 2014**

**Return responses to:** Tom Moxham, Garden Valley Helitack Manager,  
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The Emmett Ranger District on the Boise National Forest is outreaching for an Helitack Squad Leader detail for 60 days. The detail will run approx. from August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and run until approx. October 9th, 2014. Government housing may be available.

**IFPM requirements**

This position is subject to selective placement factor requirements contained in the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Standard and Guide when filling this vacancy. FS-FPM selective placement factors are made up of a primary and secondary National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) core Incident Management Qualifications and Required Training. The determination for meeting the IFPM requirements are:

- The individual is to be qualified as a HECM and ICT5 as a primary requirement and FFT1 as a secondary qualification.

FS-IFPM crosswalk is located at:

## **DUTIES**

**Duties:** (The duties described reflect the full performance level of this position)

Leads crews and performs duties in the following functional areas:

- **Helitack.** Serves as a lead wildland firefighter on a helitack crew. Leads the fire suppression efforts of the helicopter module. Directs the loading of helicopter personnel and cargo considering weight and balance, securing cargo, etc. Completes manifests of personnel and equipment being transported to the fire or other work sites. Inventories and inspects helicopter accessories, fire tools, and equipment. Assures that needed tools and equipment are available for fire fighting tasks. Serves as Helispot and Dipsite Manager on incidents requiring the establishment of these sites. Certified in the use of long line external loads and the operation and maintenance of accessory equipment. Prepares and maintains required documents (e.g., flight invoices, manifests, daily diaries, and load calculations).

- **Prescribed Fire.** Serves as a lead wildland firefighter on a prescribed fire crew. Performs prescribed fire operations including preparation, ignition, monitoring, holding, and mop up. Monitors fire behavior, fire effects, and fire weather on prescribed fires and wildland fire use. Performs the duties of a fully qualified chainsaw operator, chainsaw maintenance, and minor repair. May use specialized firing equipment (e.g. fusees, drip torches, flares, and terra torch). May support wildland fire suppression activities.

Gathers and considers information on weather data, topography, fuel types, and fire behavior in responding to wildland fire incidents. When positioning and deploying personnel and equipment, recommends best approaches and practices to use in protection of the values at risk

Makes initial evaluation of fire situations, determines rate of spread, potential hazards to property and other improvements, suppression method to use, hose lays, deployment of crew, point of initial attack, type of tools to use and application of water.

Responsible for operation and maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildland and prescribed fire situations. Accomplishes emergency repairs as necessary to permit continued use of equipment. In those instances when the apparatus cannot be used effectively in suppressing the fire, the incumbent takes appropriate control action in attacking the fire.

Provides training in wildland fire and safety techniques, practices, and methods of fire suppression and in the safe, efficient operation and use of tools, equipment, and vehicles used in fire suppression activities, with emphasis on those used for the particular function assigned. Participates in crew proficiency checks and drills, safety sessions, and

fire critiques. Ensures own and other's welfare and safety in all aspects of the assignment.

Operates a variety of motor vehicles to transport equipment, supplies, crew members, etc.

### **Leader Duties**

While performing all of the above duties, provides daily leadership and training for the crewmembers. Serves as a working leader over 3 or more crewmembers, at least one of which is a GS-05. May also lead additional technicians and detailers. Instructs crew members in specific tasks and techniques; conducts on-the-job training; distributes and controls work assignments among employees, assures timely accomplishment of assigned tasks; maintains work notes and records; reports on work accomplishments, ensures that the work is carried out safely; reports on performance problems and issues. Responsible for supervision of the crew in the absence of the supervisor.

**NOTE:** Maintenance and use duties not to exceed 10%

### **Additional Duties 30%**

May perform hazardous fuel reduction projects, which entail thinning, cutting and piling vegetation through use of mechanical means, e.g., chainsaw, etc.

May perform project work such as road and trail maintenance, inventory fuel beds, habitat improvement, burned area rehabilitation, and miscellaneous equipment and facilities maintenance.

May assist higher level workers in forestry/range research efforts; in the marketing of forest/range resources; or in the scientific management, protection, and development of forest/range resources.

May assist in the preparation of hazardous fuels treatment plans and burn plans based on predicted fire behavior and risk assessment. Drafts prescribed fire perimeter maps. Monitors smoke dispersal and fire effects.

Collects fire data such as fuel loading, tree stand density, fuel moisture, maps projects, weather, and maintains records.

May work with local homeowners, community stakeholders, various local, state, and federal agencies in an effort to educate and mitigate potential threats to these communities by wildland fire.

### **Other Significant Facts**

Must possess a valid state driver's license.

## **ABOUT THE FOREST**

The Boise National Forest includes about 2,612,000 acres of National Forest lands located north and east of the city of Boise, Idaho. Intermingled within the Forest are 348,000 acres of land either privately owned or administered by the State of Idaho, or other federal agencies. The Supervisor's Office is located in Boise, Idaho, with district offices located at Emmett, Garden Valley (Emmett RD), Boise (Mountain Home RD), Mountain Home, Lowman, Idaho City, and Cascade, Idaho.

Most of the land supports an evergreen forest that includes pure or mixed stands of ponderosa pine, grand fir, Douglas fir, Engelmann spruce, lodgepole pine and subalpine fir. The Forest contains large numbers of big game species, such as mule deer and Rocky Mountain elk. Trout are native to most streams and lakes, while anadromous salmon and steelhead inhabit the Salmon River and its many tributaries.

Much of the District lies within the Idaho Batholith, a large and highly erodible geologic formation. Through uplift, faulting, and subsequent dissection by hydrologic action, a mountainous landscape has developed. Elevations on the forest range from 2,600 to 9,800 feet. The major river systems on the Boise National Forest are the Boise and Payette Rivers and the South and Middle Fork drainages of the Salmon River. The average annual precipitation ranges from 15 inches at lower elevations to 70 inches at higher elevations.

## **ABOUT THE DUTY LOCATION: Garden Valley, Idaho**

Garden Valley is situated between the confluence of the Middle Fork Payette River and South Fork Payette River surrounded by mountains covered with pine, fir, aspen, alder and other varieties of trees and shrubs. The valley has two small communities, Crouch and Garden Valley. The entire population of the area is approximately 2500.

The elevation is around 3,800 feet; there are four distinct seasons. It is 52 miles from Boise (Idaho's capital) an approximate one-hour drive on a paved two-lane highway.

There is a medical clinic with a full time Physician to handle most checkups, minor injuries and illnesses. In case of emergency, there is a life flight helicopter pad at the clinic and ambulance service as well.

The school covers grades K through 12 and a preschool for special Ed. There are two mercantile stores that carry food items, camping, fishing and hunting supplies, a hardware store, several restaurants, a credit union, and a post office.

**HISTORY:** During the late 1870's, farmers settled in this area to provide fresh produce to gold prospectors in neighboring communities. Numerous hot springs in the area allowed cultivation year 'round. Those hot springs still heat homes, greenhouses and resort swimming pools, and many are scattered in nearby forest service campgrounds, providing grandiose relaxation opportunities for visiting outdoor enthusiasts.

**CLIMATE:** Garden Valley sits at 3,150 feet in elevation and enjoys a four-season climate with an average July max of 88 and a January low of 17.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

**HOUSING:** There may be government housing available. Some rentals are available in Garden Valley.

**SHOPPING, SERVICES AND ENTERTAINMENT:**

Garden Valley has a limited range of shopping, businesses, medical, and professional services. There is one market/store and only a couple of gas stations. There is a public library offering computer services. There are child care facilities in town and a public school system.

Garden Valley boasts the Starlight Mountain Theatre, which hosts a variety of performances year-round. The Treasure Valley communities of Boise, Meridian, Eagle, Nampa, Caldwell and Ontario (Oregon) offer much in the way of expanded entertainment and shopping opportunities. Boise has a major airport offering commercial jet service.

**RECREATION IN THE GARDEN VALLEY AND BOISE AREA:** There are numerous recreational opportunities located in and around Garden Valley, including golfing, whitewater rafting, hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, visiting natural hot springs, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and horseback riding and the newest Snow Tubing hill in Idaho. Check the [GV Calendar](#) for upcoming events!

The Payette River is renowned for white-water rafting (class I to IV), kayaking and floating. Area lakes, reservoirs and streams provide many fishing opportunities. Outfitter and guide services are offered by several companies for river trips and for hunting. The primitive mountain area provides spectacular and abundant hunting (white-tailed and mule deer, upland birds, turkey, elk, bear, moose, and cougar). Miles of groomed trails and routes are prepared for snowmobiling. Down-hill skiing is available at Bogus Basin Ski Resort outside of Boise, Tamarack Resort at Cascade, and Brundage Mountain Resort near McCall. Hiking, off road vehicle use, horseback riding, camping, picnicking, rock hounding, prospecting, bird watching, photography, and hot springs all add to the immense opportunity for pleasure and adventure to be had by avid sportsmen and casual outdoor enthusiasts alike.

**If you are interested in this position, and need more information, please contact:**

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**OUTREACH NOTICE FORM**  
**Forestry Technician**  
**(Assistant Helicopter Manager)**  
**GS-0462-7/8**

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AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH:      \_\_\_\_\_ FS      \_\_\_\_\_ BLM      \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:      \_\_\_\_\_ PERMANENT      \_\_\_\_\_ TEMPORARY      \_\_\_\_\_ TERM  
   \_\_\_\_\_ VRA     \_\_\_\_\_ PWD     \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER-CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE REHIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?

PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS/INTEREST IN THIS POSITION.

- \_\_\_\_\_ PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- \_\_\_\_\_ DISABLED VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- \_\_\_\_\_ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!